

# BROWN CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

## August 26, 2019

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY MAYOR JULIE MILLER AT 7:00 PM.**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE LED BY MAYOR JULIE MILLER.**

**PRESENT:** Mayor Julie Miller; Councilmembers: Stacy Biel, Patricia Jacobson, Christine Lee, Ross Mclvor, Eugene Navock and Walter Robison; City Manager Clint Holmes, City Clerk Juanita Smith and City Attorney Gregory Stremers.

**ABSENT:** None.

**GUESTS:** Adam Bullock, James Schmidlon, Alan Jenkins II, Brian Olinger, Ryan Jager, Curt Novotney, Charles M. Goddeeris, Lynette M. Goddeeris, Ed Schmiglin, Shayla Goddeeris, Dennis Wilkins, James Kolowich, County Commissioner Joel Wyatt, James Kolowich, Jason Grout, Lisa Grout, Rob Bienkowky, Mark Goddeeris, and Paul Glick.

### **ADDITIONS, CORRECTIONS AND DELETIONS TO AGENDA:**

There will be some additions to the Manager's Report reported City Manager Clint Holmes.

### **CORRECTION & APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Motion by CM Mclvor, second by CM Navock, to accept the Regular Meeting Minutes of August 12, 2019 as presented. Motion carried.

### **PAY BILLS:**

Motion by CM Jacobson, second by CM Lee, to pay the bills in the following funds: **General** - \$9,403.99 (9394 – 9408), **Payroll** - \$15,757.57 (9050 – 9067 plus EFT), **Major Street** - \$32,223.99 (4007 – 4008), **Local Street** - \$2,350.00 (4329 – 4331), **Sanitary Sewer** - \$425.31 (3830 – 3831), **Water** - \$2,951.07 (3105 – 3109), **Arsenic Abatement** - \$72.00 (1458) and **Equipment** - \$609.20 (1687 – 1688). Motion carried.

### **PERSONAL APPEARANCES:**

#### **1. Canada Geese Hunters selection:**

Mayor Miller began the Hunters selection by having a roll call vote of all those who had signed forms to make sure they were at the meeting. There were five “no shows”. They were going to draw two names and each of those could take one other with them. However the hunter's themselves explained many aspects of the hunting session. The Council heard and learned many things about the hunting of the geese. As a result of their discussion a motion was made by CM Lee, second by CM Navock, to allow the three hunting parties represented at the Council meeting, with each of the three groups represented by one person—those being Mark Goddeeris, Ryan Jager, and Alan Jenkins II. Each one may bring in three additional hunters with them but **ALL MUST** have signed a waiver form which has to be returned to the City Hall. It is the responsibility of these three leaders to coordinate with one another over who would be hunting when. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** CM Lee – Yes, CM Navock – Yes, CM Jacobson –

Yes, CM Robison – Yes, CM Biel – Yes, CM Mclvor – Yes. 6 Yes Votes, 0 No Votes, 0 Abstaining, 0 Absent. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC QUESTIONS & COMMENTS:** None.

**DPW REPORT:** Report reviewed. No questions or concerns.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None Scheduled.

**PUBLIC HEARING:** None Scheduled.

**ORDINANCES:** None Scheduled.

**RESOLUTIONS:**

1. **Resolution 19-05** – Resolution for Designation of Street Administrator. Motion by CM Lee, second by CM Jacobson, to adopt Resolution 19-05: A Resolution for Designation of Street Administrator for the City of Brown City. ROLL CALL VOTE: CM Robison – Yes, CM Biel – Yes, CM Mclvor – Yes, CM Lee – Yes, CM Navock – Yes, CM Jacobson – Yes. 6 Yes Votes, 0 No Votes, 0 Abstaining, 0 Absent. Motion carried—Resolution 19-05 adopted.

2. **Resolution 19-06** – A Resolution to Adopt a Local Pavement Warranty Program. Motion by CM Lee, second by CM Navock, to adopt Resolution 19-06: A Resolution to Adopt a Local Pavement Warranty Program. ROLL CALL VOTE: CM Biel – Yes, CM Mclvor – Yes, CM Lee – Yes, CM Navock – Yes, CM Jacobson – Yes, CM Robison – Yes. 6 Yes Votes, 0 No Votes, 0 Abstaining, 0 Absent. Motion carried. Resolution 19-06 adopted.

3. **Resolution 19-07** – A Resolution to Implement a Local Pavement Warranty Program. Motion by CM Lee, second by CM Biel, to adopt Resolution 19-07: A Resolution to Implement a Local Pavement Warranty Program. ROLL CALL VOTE: CM Mclvor – Yes, CM Lee – Yes, CM Navock – Yes, CM Jacobson – Yes, CM Robison – Yes, CM Biel – Yes. 6 Yes Votes, 0 No Votes, 0 Abstaining, 0 Absent. Motion carried. Resolution 19-07 adopted.

**PETITIONS & COMMUNICATIONS:** None Scheduled.

**MANAGER’S REPORT:**

1. **Water Purification:** The City operates two arsenic abatement facilities using technology that absorbs arsenic out of the City’s drinking water. As this absorption media becomes saturated, it must be removed and replaced. The City contracted De Nora Tetra to replace the absorption media at the arsenic abatement facility located at Well #4 at a cost of about \$74,000. The work began on Tuesday, August 13<sup>th</sup> and was completed on Thursday, August 15<sup>th</sup>. No significant issues were reported.
2. **Well #4 Overhaul:** On August 20<sup>th</sup>, Northern Pump and Well removed the pump assembly from Well #4 and took it to their headquarters for overhaul. The well should be

back on line by the end of the month. The cost should not exceed \$43,000. The well was last overhauled in 2014.

3. **Police Car:** During a routine oil change, a leak in the radiator and damage to a tie rod were noted. The Ford dealer believes that this was damage caused by the deer strike. The repairs were completed and the invoice is being forwarded to the insurance company for review and reimbursement.
4. **Tree Removal:** On August 18<sup>th</sup>, winds severely cracked an old maple tree on Reed Street and toppled a birch tree on James Street. Since both trees were in the City's right-of-way and presented a danger, the City contracted with Raymond's Tree Service for removal at a cost of \$1,400. No property damage (other than the trees) was reported.
5. **Second Street Sidewalk:** The owner of 6914 James Street had requested the replacement of the badly deteriorated sidewalk on the south side of Second Street going west from James Street. The City requested three bids: Mahaffy declined to bid; Lung bid \$2,700 for the section and \$11,000 to replace the entire sidewalk on the south side of Second Street from James to St Marys Streets; Kolar Brothers of Pals, Michigan, bid \$3,240 for the section and \$9,980 for the full street. How does the City Council wish to proceed?

**Motion by CM Robison, second by CM McIvor, to accept Lung's bid for \$2,700 to replace just the section of the sidewalk at 6914 James Street. The home owner is to pay 50% of the cost with the City paying the other 50%. The homeowner's share will be divided over five years to pay her share of the sidewalk fee. Motion carried.**

6. **Lagoon Inspection:** Michigan EGLE (formerly MDEQ) will be conducting the annual inspection of the City's sewage treatment lagoons on August 28<sup>th</sup>. Visit will include a physical inspection of the lagoons and review of reports and monitoring program, as part of the NPDES Permit requirements. No issues are anticipated.
7. **Brown City Schools:** Michigan Pipe Inspection began televising the school's wastewater system the week of August 18<sup>th</sup>. Results of the inspection are not yet available.
8. **Labor Day Holiday:** City Hall, public works and police departments will be closed on Monday, September 2<sup>nd</sup> in honor of Labor Day. A DPW employee will be on call to address emergencies.
9. **Flush hydrants:** The Brown City DPW plans to flush fire hydrants September 16<sup>th</sup> through September 20<sup>th</sup> as part of this semi-annual program. Hydrant flushing will usually take place during the day. Residents may notice some discoloration in the water during this process. Residents are advised not to wash white or light colored clothes during this period. This notice will be published in the Banner on September 2<sup>nd</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> and is posted on Channel 6.

**10. Street Banners:** The DPW Foreman asked if the City Council wanted the street banners taken down after Labor Day. Also, does the City Council wish the holiday banners put up immediately after Thanksgiving? How does the Council wish to proceed?

**Motion by CM Robison, second by Jacobson, to take down the Banners after Labor Day and to put up the Holiday Banners after Thanksgiving. Motion carried.**

**11. Table in the Library-** What If the library moves across the street, what does the City Council wish to do with the Council table?

**Checking with our Office Supply dealer our City Manager found out we could purchase 6 smaller fold-up tables for approximately \$2000. A larger or better one could be bought for about a thousand dollars more. However, we probably do not need the better one for our use. The Councilmembers would like to sell the present table to the Library Board if the Library Board choses to buy it.**

**ATTORNEY'S REPORT:** The Attorney had nothing to report but did state that he was glad that the Canadian Geese situation was resolved.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** None.

**CLERK'S REPORT:** None.

**MAYOR'S REPORT:**

1. Sanilac County Community Mental Health Announcement.

**Mayor Miller read a letter from Sanilac County Community Mental Health inviting residents to a National Feature Film Screening, "Coming Up For Air", on Wednesday, August 28, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. at the Sandusky Presbyterian Church in Sandusky.**

2. Letter from Bernie Burgess Hillman.

**A letter was read aloud by Mayor Miller from Bernie Burgess Hillman regarding the recent death of Bob Pridemore.**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

1. Building and Grounds (Mclvor) – None.
2. Personnel (Biel) – None.
3. Police / Fire Authority (Lee) – None.
4. Streets and Sidewalks (Navock) – None.
5. Tax and Finance (Jacobson) – None.
6. Water and Sewer (Robison) – None.

**GENERAL CONCERNS OF THE COUNCIL:**

CM Biel questioned if anything was being done about the house at St. Mary's and Second Street. City Manager Clint Holmes said that the grass had been mowed.

Mayor Julie Miller said that she had been sent a picture of a Mail Box on Main Street where the weeds were as high as the Main Box. City Manager Clint Holmes said a letter would be sent to the home owner.

CM Biel said she had been asked if one could get a burn permit that is good for a year. This had been discussed at the Fire Authority meeting stated CM Chris Lee. At this time burn permits are only good for four days.

CM Lee informed the Councilmembers of her recent trip to Japan. She said she was Welcomed with open arms by the people.

**PUBLIC QUESTIONS & COMMENTS:**

Joel Wyatt, County Commissioner, gave an update on recent activities by the County. He said that they meet every Tuesday morning to work on the budget and to try to figure out how they might save money. He spoke of grant funds available at 60 % by the State and 40% by the County. Recycling could be seeing a grant of \$190,000 in the future. A new building may be built with some of this grant money in about a year and a half. He also had a suggestion that perhaps the Geese hunters could donate some of their wild game to the Homeless Shelter.

**CLOSED SESSION:** None Scheduled.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion by CM Lee, second by CM Jacobson, to adjourn at 8:16 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Juanita M. Smith  
City Clerk